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SUBJECT: AL HASHIMI, MAHMUD SHAKIR MAHMUD - DPOB 11/17/1952 (IRAQ)

REF: A. A) DS/PII EMAIL DATED 7/29/03

[B](#). B) COLOMBO 00548

[C](#). C) COLOMBO 00582

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[1](#)1. (S/NF) Ref A requested a summary of AmEmbassy Colombo's activities concerning Iraqi national Mahmud Shakir Mahmud AL HASHIMI. RSO provides the following chronology:

[1](#)2. (S/NF) On March 25, 2003, at approximately 1445 hours, RSO/SD team, while on routine surveillance of DATT residence, reported that it observed Subject depart the Iraq Embassy and walk several hundred feet down Horton Place to a Chinese Medical Clinic that faces the DATT residential street which intersects Horton. The Subject did not enter the clinic, but focused his attention on the street leading down to the DATT residence. U.S. and Sri Lankan-provided security guards at the DATT residence were visible from the Chinese Clinic. After about five minutes, Subject left the clinic and continued walking approximately 500 meters around a corner and entered a business named AL Amana or ALAMANA. Post passed this information to ORCA New Delhi and Sri Lankan Directorate of Internal Intelligence (DII). Incident was reported in Ref B on April 3.

[1](#)3. (S/NF) On April 4, Ref C reported that ORCA New Delhi had identified Subject as Mahmud Shakir Mahmud AL HASHIMI, Iraqi passport number M0847934, owner of Al Amana Steel Buildings, Ltd. Sri Lankan DII advised Al Hashimi maintained the U.S. address 5601 Seminary Road, Apt 2204N, Falls Church, VA [1](#)22041. Reftel also requested DS conduct record checks on Subject, results were negative.

[1](#)4. (S/NF) During this same period, Sri Lankan DII advised Al Amana (ALAMANA) Steel Buildings, located at No.6/3, Horton Place, Colombo 7, was a building construction and engineering company. In addition to Al HASHIMI, Al Amana's Board of Directors was listed as:

Chebel Joseph Basibes (Lebanese), PO Box 5643, Abu Dhabi, UAE
M.W. Perera (Sri Lankan), No.134 Kohalwila Road, Gonawala, Kelaniya
Jayantha Darmadasa (Sri Lankan), No.7, Longdon Terrace, Colombo 7

[1](#)5. (S/NF) On June 10, at approximately 1510 hours, RSO/SD observed AL HASHIMI walking in front of the U.S. Embassy. He used a cell phone, waited for a period of time around the corner from the Embassy, then got into a white Toyota Carina (WP GH-4874) with two unidentified females.

[1](#)6. (S/NF) On July 23, ConOff reported that AL HASHIMI appeared at the visa window requesting a certified copy of his greencard (file number A43821387, DOB 11/17/1952). Subject explained that he was traveling to the U.S. on Saturday, July 26, and needed the certified copy as required by a letter from a Merrill Lynch office in Bahrain (Acct #1BY-03A64), signed by Mohamed Ahmed, Assistant Vice President. ConOff requested RSO conduct record checks on Subject, and aside from the aforementioned SD reports, the results were negative. On July 26, Subject returned to the Embassy and presented Iraqi passport number M0197107 issued 08/07/2001 in Sri Lanka. (This PPT number is different from that provided by ORCA New Delhi.) Also presented was a Virginia Drivers License #558-59-5695, DOB 11/17/1952. The driver's license listed an address of 6300 Stoneham Lane, McLean, VA 22101-2345. Subject explained that was the address of his estranged wife, who is an AmCit. After considering the negative responses to record checks, ConOff provided Subject a certified copy of his greencard and he departed the Embassy. Subject's photograph was emailed to DS/ICI/PII on July 30. No further action has been taken.
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